



Job Opening

Job Title: Police Liaison Officer, P-4 (1 Post)

Department/ Office: Department of Peacekeeping Operations

Location: NEW YORK

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United Nations Core Values: Integrity, Professionalism, Respect for Diversity

Organizational Setting and Reporting: While this position is administratively located in the Police Division (PD) of the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI), the incumbent reports to the Head of the Integrated Operational Team in the Office of Operations (OO). Both OO and ORLSI are in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO).

Responsibilities: Within delegated authority, the Police Liaison Officer will be responsible for the following duties:

- Provides support to police mandate implementation and law enforcement in peace operations.
- S/he provides advice on peacekeeping mission-specific and operations support issues requiring policy decisions; assists in developing and reviewing Mission Plans and Concepts of Operations for police components of peace operations; reviews the draft report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council and the General Assembly and other related issuances on the police components of peace operations; and, advises, facilitates and coordinates police issues requiring the involvement of Police Contributing Countries (PCCs).
- The incumbent also liaises with other offices within the Secretariat, peacekeeping missions and Permanent Missions of the PCC's within the guidelines of the PD; supports the IOT and the PD in planning and integrating police elements into the development of Concepts of Operations and Operational Plans;
- Supports the PD in evaluating police plans and preparing expert police advice on mission operational matters; advises and facilitates the flow of critical information between DPKO and missions to inform the planning, budget, and implementation processes.
- He/she represents the IOT and PD in selected working groups, task forces and outside meetings; facilitates collaboration between the PD and other field mission

components at the operational level; and, coordinates and integrates activities of police components in the field missions.

- Assists in liaising with Member States and regional organizations on mission-specific related issues; participates in police contributing countries meetings; drafts mission-specific code cables and related correspondences to peace operations; prepares daily highlight reports on mission-specific issues for submission to the Head of the IOT and the Police Adviser.
- Participates in field visits and prepares assessment reports; prepares talking points for senior representatives of the United Nations Secretariat on mission-specific issues; assists in the preparation and review of budgetary documentation, including results-based budgeting reports, of the police components of peace operations.
- Assists, in consultation with the Conduct and Discipline Unit of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, in the provision to Member States of prompt and accurate information on any disciplinary matters related to their seconded law enforcement officers in United Nations peace operations.
- Researches on and provides technical and police advice on operational matters, as may be required; acts as an intermediary of the principal liaison group between field missions and headquarters staff on police matters; liaises with the Police Division for response actions and provides the Division's position to the IOT, as required.
- Provides advice to missions, in coordination with Police Division, on staffing and police selection to ensure they are commensurate with the planned operations and activities in order to fulfil mission mandates.
- Prepares and analyses periodic management reports and other relevant information in order to keep senior managers informed; prepares technical reports and briefings; conducts informal and formal briefing presentations; identifies issues requiring headquarters intervention and follows up on decisions taken; and, executes other tasks as assigned by the Head of the IOT.

Competencies:

Professionalism: Demonstrated competence in police matters at the strategic and command levels; ability to identify issues, formulate opinions and provide recommendations through the use of sound judgment and applying expertise to solve a wide range of problems related to law enforcement; ability to work under pressure; conceptual and analytical abilities; knowledge of theories, concepts and approaches relevant to law enforcement, community safety and capacity-building; good research, analytical and problem-solving skills; ability to identify and participate in the resolution of complex issues and problems; and good negotiation skills. Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work.

Planning and Organizing: Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required; allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; uses time efficiently.

Teamwork: Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others; places team agenda before personal agenda; supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position; shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.

Qualifications:

Education: Advanced university degree (Master's Degree or equivalent) in Criminal Justice, Law or Political Science or other related field. A first level university degree with a combination of relevant academic qualifications and experience in police and peacekeeping may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. Graduation from a police academy or similar law enforcement training institution is required.

Experience: Must be a senior professional police officer on active duty with the rank of Superintendent, or a rank equivalent to the level of Lt. Colonel. A minimum of seven years of progressively responsible experience in national law enforcement, including command experience, is required. Experience in police policy-making, and in strategic and operational police management is also required. Experience in UN peacekeeping or in UNHQ is desirable. Police training experience is desirable.

Language: English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For this post, fluency in English (both oral and written) is required. Knowledge of a second official UN language, preferably French, is desirable.

Assessment Method: Kindly note that you may, as part of the evaluation of your application for this position, be requested to undergo written knowledge-based assessment exercises, which may be followed by a competency-based interview depending on the result of the test.

Special Notice: Circulation of this Job Opening is limited to Member States. Only serving police officers who have received authorization by their National Authorities to apply for this Job Opening will be considered. Appointments are limited to service on posts reserved for active police officers who serve on secondment financed by the support account of peacekeeping operations.